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 8.30 p.m.—Meeting of Perseverance Lodge.
 MONDAY, May 20—
 3 p.m.—Auction of Crown Land situated at MacDonnell Road.
 WEDNESDAY, May 22—
 Noon—Meeting of the A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd., in the Board Room, at the Hongkong Dispensary.

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On demand	2/4
On 30 days sight	2/4
On 60 days sight	2/4
Credit, 4 months sight	2/4
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On demand	48 1/2
On 30 days sight	48 1/2
On 60 days sight	48 1/2
Credit, 4 months sight	48 1/2
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On demand	14 1/2
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Credit, 4 months sight	14 1/2
On Singapore	2 1/2
On demand	2 1/2
On 30 days sight	2 1/2
On 60 days sight	2 1/2
Credit, 4 months sight	2 1/2
On Manila	2 1/2
On demand	2 1/2
On 30 days sight	2 1/2
On 60 days sight	2 1/2
Credit, 4 months sight	2 1/2
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On demand	7 1/2
On 30 days sight	7 1/2
On 60 days sight	7 1/2
Credit, 4 months sight	7 1/2
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MARRIAGE.
 On the 7th May, at Holy Trinity Cathedral, Shanghai, by the Rev. H. O. Hodges, M.A., JOHN GUFFIN, of the Canadian Presbyterian Mission, Honan, to MARGARET A. ROOZE, of Toronto, Canada.

DEATHS.
 On the 10th May, at 4 Park Lane, Shanghai, Jose, the beloved son of A. J. Noronha, aged 10 years.
 On the 10th April, at Chungking, ARNOLD HENRY, son of Leonard and Caroline N. Wigham, of the Friends' Mission; aged one year.

The publication of this time commenced at 5.25 p.m.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, MAY 14, 1901.

THERE will be general agreement that the negotiations between China and the Powers have dragged on sufficiently long to enable the latter to arrive at a thorough understanding of China's ability to fulfil the conditions stipulated for by the Powers as a preliminary of peace and the withdrawal of the foreign troops. On this point there must be diversity of opinion. The most striking phenomenon of the present crisis has been the strength of the Viceroys and Governors of Central and Southern China to maintain peace while the Central Authority is at war with the civilised world. The men who were instrumental in saving the country from universal revolt will be available for the future administration of the country in accordance with the new idea, and should they be able to assert their influence at Peking there need be no question of the ability of China to fulfil her obligations. It then becomes merely a matter of inclination. The rulers of China may be able enough, but will they consent to initiate the reforms which alone will enable the country to meet the indemnity claimed by the foreign Powers? Time alone can tell. If experience counts for anything, the Chinese officials, recalling the history of their intercourse with foreigners, must be convinced that it is an expensive habit to indulge in the slaughter of foreigners. Being so convinced, they may settle down to face their difficulties in a business-like manner.

In order to give China, as a nation, the means to help herself, and so prevent the necessarily heavy monetary indemnity from becoming a crushing burden, the Foreign Representatives, it is reported, have stipulated for certain reforms. One of these is the abolition of the opium trade on foreign goods. This is indeed good news, and we hope it is true. Opium has been the curse of foreign trade in China. It is the uncertainty which surrounds the exactions of the Chinese officials on foreign goods in transit that has prevented the proper development of foreign trade in the interior of China, as contemplated by the framers of the original treaties with China. In addition to this, however, opium on any goods whatever ought to be abolished. To the Chinese themselves, the opium exactions on native goods have always been burdensome. If foreign goods are relieved from the burden and not native manufactures and products then there will be endless friction, and we are inclined to believe that the Chinese will find other means for 'squeezing' foreign goods. At any rate, it will appear unreasonable to demand for foreign goods a liberty that is not enjoyed by native produce. We take it that the main idea of assailing the opium on foreign goods is to bring about a wholesale reform in the fiscal arrangements of China. That being so, the Foreign Representatives should insist upon this reform before the Powers consent to any alteration in the tariffs at the Treaty Ports.

The promptness with which the local branches of the China Association at Shanghai and Hongkong acted when it was rumored that the Foreign Representatives had agreed, or were inclined to agree, to an immediate increase in the tariff in order to obtain the payment of the indemnity, is much to be commended, as was also the action of the Committees of the respective Chambers of Commerce. The Committees of these representative bodies cannot be too vigilant at the present time. No consent should be given to an increased tariff on the mere verbal or written promise of reform. It should be a *sine qua non* of a revision of the tariff that China shall have instituted internal reforms to the end that foreign trade is relieved of present disabilities and restrictions and illegal exactions. Sir Robert Hart, whose faithful service to China is commendable in certain aspects, has not been the friend of foreign trade that some people imagine him to be. It is due to him that the concession of inland water navigation was rendered nugatory so far as this Colony is concerned. Hongkong was very suitably 'regulated' out of the benefits of the concession. And now this faithful servant of the Chinese Government is credited with a desire to raise the tariff by other than direct means, namely, by collecting the tariff on a gold basis. The Committees of the China Association and the Chamber of Commerce are both fortunate in having the services of experts who will be able to guide them on the likely effects of such an arrangement on foreign trade with China. To us, it seems unfair that while goods should be subject to all the fluctuations of an unstable exchange the duties they shall pay at the port of entry should thrive to

fixed—and that not on the basis of the currency in which the transaction is carried through. There are other considerations, as are pointed out by the *N. O. Daily News*, which says:—The establishment of the tariff on a gold basis is, we understand, a suggestion that comes from Sir Robert Hart and has a great deal of reason on its side, but it is doubtful whether it has been accepted by the Foreign Representatives. As far as regards specific duties, 'China' has been a heavy sufferer by the fall in the value of silver. They were fixed when the Haikuan gold was worth more than twice as much in gold as it is at present, so that now the duties the Imperial Maritime Customs collect bring in less than 3 per cent instead of the agreed 5 per cent, taking ad valorem and specific duties together. We understand that Sir Robert Hart proposes to collect the specific duties at a fixed rate of say 5s. 8d. for the Haikuan gold, which is equivalent to more than doubling the tariff. It is a rough and ready way to which the nations that do a large trade with China can hardly agree without very careful consideration. Many of the specific duties are much too high. The export duty on tea for instance is 12s. 2d. per picul. This is already about ten per cent on the present average value, and if it were collected on the basis of say 5s. to the picul, it would be over twenty per cent ad valorem. The Chambers of Commerce of Hongkong and Shanghai have been promised by successive British Ministers, that they shall be fully consulted before the proposed alterations in the tariff are agreed to; and we cannot therefore suppose that the establishment of the tariff on a gold basis has been yet agreed to.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.
Notes from Nippon.
 Count von Arco Valley, the New German Minister to Japan, arrived at Yokohama on the 29th April.
 The Rev. W. J. White, agent of the Religious Tract Society, Tokio, a very old resident, died at Tsukiji on the 2nd instant.
 For the convenience of visitors to the thermal springs at Uzen, the Japanese telegraphic have opened a postal and telegraphic station there.
 While a Japanese military balloon was being tried at Tokio, the rope broke and the balloon sailed away to parts unknown. There was nobody on board.
 News reached Nagasaki from a high official authority at Vladivostok that Russia has offered Japan the port of Dalny (Talinwan) and Port Arthur on condition that Japan offers no opposition to the acquisition by Russia of an ice-free port in Corea.

The Osaka Shosen Kaisha Formosan liner *Taipei maru*, which was detained at Nagasaki on account of an outbreak of bubonic plague on board, was released from quarantine on the 28th April, when the term of her detention expired, and left that evening for Kobe.

The *Japan Herald* is given to understand that the Rev. E. Champneys Irvine is about to quit Yokohama, where he has officiated for the last twenty years as the Pastor of Christ Church. He is threatened with blindness, and he has been given a certificate by his medical attendant, Dr. Wheeler, to that effect, and he is also advised by him to return home to consult with an oculist specialist, in order to ascertain what can be done to relieve the threatening symptoms under which he has the misfortune to labour.

Trade Prospects in China.
 Messrs Noel, Murry and Co., in their piece goods report, make the following comments on trade prospects in China:—Whether or not it is due to the over supply sent up, or to the uncertainty in the political situation, something has had a decidedly depressing effect on our trade with Tientsin, which reflects more or less on the whole. Instructions have been received withdrawing all orders for that Port, and dealers who had bought in anticipation are endeavouring to resell. It may be only a temporary lull owing to the difficulty in getting facilities for forwarding the large quantities that have gone forward, but on the other hand there is no doubt a lot of intriguing is going on with the representatives of the powers that be in this country, and of which the trading classes are doubtless cognisant, and therefore not disposed to run any risks. We look upon this dilatoriness in the revival of trade as the very worst feature of the situation and a sure index of the trend of events. The fanaticism displayed by the boxer movement has not yet been stamped out, and if there is the slightest relaxation in the vigilance of the Foreign Powers there is bound to be another outbreak. The time is rapidly arriving when an epidemic must be put to the present vacillating policy and empty fear in pretending that China is not at war with the rest of the world—the ruling Authorities are, if the masses are not, but they have to blindly obey the behests of their superiors, as amply evidenced by the actions during the past few months.

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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Notes by the Way.
 The Chiao-Taku cable has been restored.

Admiral Seymour and Captain Craddock went up to Peking on the 2nd inst.

Barracks for 2,000 troops are being erected at the British Legation at Peking.

Lieut. Vernon Kell has been gazetted a staff captain with effect from last September.

\$118,000 passed through the parliament at the Shanghai Race Meeting, and \$28,000 were taken by the cash sweeps.

The well-to-do Chinese in Peking are burying their valuables in anticipation of the withdrawal of the foreign and the return of the Chinese troops.

Mr Pavloff, the Russian Minister to Corea, is being treated by Dr Kitasato at Tokio. Mr Pavloff was bitten by a dog in Seoul, hence these precautions.

A reception was held in the French Consulate at Shanghai on the 10th inst. to welcome the new French Minister, M. Beau, who was to leave Shanghai for Tokyo by the cruiser *Paros*.

His Lordship the Chief Justice was again unable to attend Court to-day, and the Admiralty *Hangchow-Glenyue* collision case had again to stand over. It is hoped that his Lordship's illness will soon pass away.

Mr McLeavy Brown is again dismissed. Mr Brown promises to rival Yubenshi, who was executed several times before he was allowed to sink into oblivion. The Financial Advisor of Corea has been dismissed three times already.

Mr C. R. Burkill was the most successful jockey at the Shanghai Races, with Mr D. W. Crawford second and Mr G. W. Wollumier third. Mr Teeg was the most successful owner, with 3 firsts, and 3 seconds. Mr Duplex had 3 firsts, and Mr G. H. Potts 2 firsts, 4 seconds and 1 third.

The Dredger.
 Our attention has been called to two paragraphs in *The Army and Navy Gazette* with reference to the sunken dredger *Canton River*. This journal gives Captain Percy Scott a due amount of praise, but mentions incidentally that 'local ability appeared unable to cope with the task of raising her', and that 'local engineering talent having failed, Captain Scott offered his aid.' It is pleasing to note that the *China Mail* is quoted by the journal in giving Captain Scott's method of raising the dredger, but it is hardly so pleasing for us to contradict the statements quoted above, which, of course, it is needless to add, did not emanate from us. As a matter of fact, local engineering talent did not get the chance. We have heard of a Chinese contractor who offered to Messrs Pouchard and Lowther to raise the dredger for \$50,000, the condition of the contract being that if the officer failed to do what he proposed he would forfeit all claims for payment. His offer was rejected.

Accident at Shanghai Races.
 An unfortunate accident occurred at the Shanghai Race Meeting on the second day. There was a field of ten ponies for the Shanghai Derby, but shortly after the start, as the ponies were going round the corner, Mr C. S. Bar's *His Majesty*, ridden by Gresson, came to grief, and both riders were violently thrown. Dallas, who fell over the fence into the ditch, was badly hurt, and had to be taken away on an improvised stretcher. Mr Hanna's *Betha*, who caused the accident, also fell out of the running. The injury to Dallas was a sprained ankle, caused by the horse stepping on him. The accident occurred through *Betha* slipping and cannoning into *His Majesty* round the corner past the Stand. Referring to the accident, the *N. O. Daily News* says:—In the Shanghai Derby, not long after the start of the race, *Betha*, ridden by Mr Dietrich, fell. Immediately behind were Mr Gresson on *Conrad* and Mr F. Dallas on *His Majesty*. To avoid the sprawling pony and his rider they were forced to jump towards the rails. The rail was carried away, and both riders unhorsed. Mr Gresson happily escaped with a few bruises, but the incident was more serious for Mr Dallas as he was falling the pony kicked savagely at him, and struck him in the ribs, so that he was unable to rise. A number of medical men ran at once to the scene of the accident, a stretcher was obtained, and Mr Dallas was brought in. It was discovered that no bones were broken, though a rib was somewhat damaged. It is very unlikely that he will be able to ride to-day. As for the pony, *His Majesty*, he was discovered to have a hole in his side, and to be bleeding profusely. Veterinary aid was of course forthcoming, and there is a good chance that it will not be necessary to shoot him. We understand that the accident cannot be put down to the fact that plates were not worn by the ponies, for all three concerned had them on.

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Foreign Capital for Japan.
 According to a veracious contemporary, there are several foreign syndicates who desire to invest capital in various mining enterprises in Japan. The above syndicates include the Standard Oil Company of New York; a British syndicate with a capital of some ten million yen; and others, including Americans and Belgians. It is reported that representatives of the above have been inspecting mines in various localities with a view to investing capital or purchasing them. The Takamatsu mine in the prefecture of Fukushima and four other mines have been already sold to foreigners, through the medium of Mr Nohai. The Japanese press strongly advocates the introduction of foreign capital into this country by allowing foreigners to work mines, especially at the present period of economical depression.

Wanted—A New Disease.
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TELEGRAMS.

[CHINA MAIL'S SPECIAL SERVICE.]
FESTIVITIES AT PEKING.

Departure of French Minister.

[BY SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT WITH Der Ostasiatische Lloyd.]
 Peking, May 14.

Yesterday, a festival was held on the occasion of the departure of the French Minister, M. Pichon, and General Voyron for France. There were great illuminations and fireworks on the Lotus Lake. Field-Marshal Count von Waldersee, and all the Foreign Ministers and General officers were present, together with the Chinese Commissioners, Prince Ching and Li Hung-chang.

GREAT STRIKE AT BARCELONA.

Desperate Fighting—Anarchists Arrested.

BERLIN, May 14.
 There have been serious strike riots at Barcelona. Desperate fighting took place between the military and the anarchists. Fifty anarchists were arrested.

WRECK OF THE 'TANTALLON CASTLE'.

Mr W. H. Bay, Secretary of the China Traders' Insurance Company, Limited, is in receipt of a telegram to the effect that the large Castle liner *Tantallon Castle* is a wreck. The message gives no details as to the catastrophe, but it is supposed to have occurred near the Cape of Good Hope. It is rumoured in the Colony that 300 lives are lost, but we have been unable to obtain any confirmation of this.

The *Tantallon Castle* is a large mail packet of 6036 tons gross, and was built at Fairfield, Glasgow, in 1894, to the order of the Castle Mail Packet Co., Limited (Messrs Donald Currie and Co. Managers). Her dimensions are 403.5 feet long, 60.5 feet wide, and 23.9 feet deep. She was largely patronised by passengers from England to the Cape and vice versa, and was admirably fitted up for their comfort.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Communicable Disease.
 Apart from plague, the full virulence cases of communicable disease have been notified during the past week—2 European cases of enteric fever, 1 Chinese (fatal) from purpural fever and 1 Chinese case of small-pox from the Harbour.

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TELEGRAMS.

[RUSSIAN SERVICE.]
THE PORTE AND THE FOREIGN POST OFFICES.

London, 11th May.
 The Porte has sent a third Note to the Ambassadors of the Powers, demanding the suppression of the Foreign Post Offices. This Note has also been returned to the Porte, thus creating partially a cessation of official relations between the Embassies and the Porte.

ANOTHER RUSSIAN LOAN.

London, 12th May.
 An Imperial Ukase, issued at St. Petersburg, authorizes a loan of 424 million francs bearing interest at four per cent, to repay Treasury advances to the railway and to meet current expenditure.

RUSSIA AND CHINA.

It is stated that Russia is seeking to obtain a joint guarantee from the Powers for a Chinese indemnity loan. The majority of the Powers are opposed thereto.

THE PORTE AND THE FOREIGN POST OFFICES.

The Porte shows no signs of yielding in its demands for the suppression of the Foreign Post Offices. The Ambassadors are completely agreed as to the necessity for determined action.

THE NEW RUSSIAN LOAN.

The statement that the French House of Messrs Rothschild will issue the new Russian loan is confirmed. The arrangement is the result of M. Dulac's visit to St. Petersburg.

RECONSTRUCTED PRUSSIAN CABINET.

[DER OSTASIATISCHE LLOYD SERVICE.]

BERLIN, May 8.
 The Prussian Cabinet has been reorganised. The following will retain their portfolios: President and Foreign Affairs—Count Bismarck.

Public Works—von Thielow.
 Justice—Dr. Schöndt.
 War—General von Gossler.
 Culture—Dr. Studt.

Without portfolios—Count Posadowsky, Wehner and Vice-Admiral von Tirpitz.
 The newly appointed Ministers are: Finance—Baron Rheinbarn, until now Minister of the Interior.

Interior—President Hammerstein-Trotter.
 Commerce—Privy Counsellor, Moeller, Nalili, Member of the Prussian Diet.
 Agriculture—General von Pabst, until now Postmaster-General.

General Pabst is succeeded, as Postmaster-General, by Director Krieger of the General Post Office.

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